

**Mail Application to:**

List Coordinator  
 Administrative Office  
 Probate and Family Court Dept.  
 2 Center Plaza, Suite 210  
 Boston MA 02108

# Application

to the  
**Probate and Family Court Department**  
 for appointment as  
**Guardian *ad Litem*/Investigator**  
 or  
**Guardian *ad Litem*/Next Friend**  
 in actions involving:

**For court use only**

Reviewed \_\_\_\_\_

Entered \_\_\_\_\_

Domestic relations or custody/visitation/adoption — **Guardian *ad litem***/investigator, G.L. c. 215, § 56A;  
**Guardian *ad litem***/next friend, G.L. c. 201, § 36 for appointment as:  
**Guardian** for incompetent divorce defendant, G.L. c. 208, § 15;  
**Counsel** in divorce action to investigate or to investigate and defend, G.L. c. 208, § 16; or  
**Guardian *ad litem*** to commence contempt action, G.L. c. 215, § 56B

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Street and Number)

Firm Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Street and Number)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Street and Number)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (City or Town) (State) (Zip Code)

Telephone No. (\_\_\_\_\_) B.B.O. # \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Area Code)

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

CATEGORY

**F**  
**LAWYER**

I certify that I was admitted to practice before the Supreme Judicial Court on \_\_\_\_\_,  
 that I remain in good standing to practice before the courts of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and that I have not  
 been convicted of any felony.

I further certify

- ☐ that I have at least 3 years of experience practicing in the domestic relations field in the Probate and Family Courts  
 of Massachusetts, including cases involving divorce, paternity, custody, visitation, child support, alimony and  
 contempt, **and**
- ☐ that I have the required experience and expertise to serve as a guardian *ad litem*/investigator and to serve as a  
 guardian *ad litem*/next friend in domestic relations, custody, visitation and/or adoption matters pursuant to G.L.  
 c. 201, § 36; c. 208, § 16; c. 215, § 56A that I have the required experience and expertise to serve as counsel for  
 an incompetent divorce defendant pursuant to G.L. c. 208, § 15; and that I have the required experience and  
 expertise to serve as a guardian *ad litem* to commence a contempt action pursuant to G.L. c. 215, § 56B.

I have currently in effect professional liability insurance with coverage of \$100,000 or more. The insurance company  
 which issued the policy is:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Name of Company)

The policy number is: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Policy Number)

The limits of liability are: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Limits of Liability)

I request and I **WILL** accept appointments from the following (not more than **four**) divisions of the Probate and Family  
 Court Department:

- ☐ Barnstable    ☐ Berkshire    ☐ Bristol    ☐ Dukes    ☐ Essex    ☐ Franklin    ☐ Hampden  
☐ Hampshire    ☐ Middlesex    ☐ Nantucket    ☐ Norfolk    ☐ Plymouth    ☐ Suffolk    ☐ Worcester

I understand that I will be required each year, after 2001, to complete six hours of continuing legal education in the  
 domestic relations/custody/adoption fields to remain on the list for these appointments. I agree that, if I am appointed  
 as a guardian *ad litem* or counsel and a person with an appearance in the case requests a certificate of my professional  
 liability insurance, I will provide the certificate within seven days of the request. I understand that, to remain on the list,  
 I must mail to the List Coordinator each December, after 2000, a certificate of my good standing with the Board of Bar  
 Overseers dated that December.

I have attached to this Application a **copy of my resume** and a **certificate** of my good standing with the Board of Bar  
 Overseers. The certificate was issued not more than 30 days ago.

I certify under the penalties of perjury that all of the above information is true.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Signature of Applicant)